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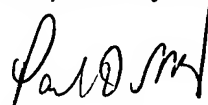
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Respectfully submitted,

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	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation YES	Translation NO
	DE 19944330	22.03.2001	Germany (English abstract)				X

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